

LAUNCH MOVEMENT FOR WOMAN'S UNION

Petition Presented to Director Ralph By Officers of New League.

INCREASE IN PAY AMONG REQUESTS

Unionizing of Female Employees of the Bureau Had Its Inception Last Night.

Director Ralph's door swung inward and into his private office marched six bright, sprightly and animated young women, the color of their cheeks heightened with the enthusiasm of the high purpose that filled their minds. The director looked up from his desk, bowed gravely, and said in his pleasant tone: "Will you please be seated, ladies."

One of the group of six stepped forward and laid on the director's desk a neatly folded official looking paper. It was a petition, and the director took it and smiled.

Their Petition.

The petition asked that the pay of the women workers be raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00, that they be granted thirty days' sick leave in addition to their annual leave, and that their conditions be surrounded with as much comfort as possible.

Thus today, precisely at noon, in the office of Director Ralph, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was given official recognition to a movement to unionize the women employees of the bureau, just as the men of the Government's big money-making shop are unionized, with the idea of promoting their general welfare.

Initial Movement.

This unionizing movement, which in the light of similar altruistic aims has come to be popularly known as an "uplift" movement, had its beginning last night when 20 or more women and girls of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing met with Mrs. Eva MacDonald Valesch, sixth vice president of the Women's Federation, in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton and laid their initial plans. Further steps were taken to-day, when the committee, comprised of Miss Helen Craven Ballenger, Miss Louise Dangle, Miss Edna Hardy, Miss Sally Griffin, Miss Edna Hardy, and Miss Gertrude McNulty, called by appointment on Director Ralph and laid him of their plans of organization and their hopes of bettering the condition of the women breadwinners in the Bureau, come 2,400 in all.

Director Ralph gave his hearty approval of this movement, which is in sympathy with any movement that aims to improve the welfare of either men or women employees. Further he will not oppose their plea for increased pay.

Ralph Approves.

"Of course, I am in entire sympathy with any movement to lighten the burdens of the women workers in this bureau," said Director Ralph after his fair yet stern press. "This has been one of my chief aims since becoming the head of this bureau. It will be more completely realized when we get our new building, for then we will have an ideal workshop and one in which the comfort and well-being of all employees will be the first consideration."

"As to increasing pay, that is a matter which must be settled by Congress. I would not oppose a request for more compensation for the women workers, but even if I were to recommend it in a report, it would remain for Congress to agree. The present pay is higher than the average of women in the Government stores and manufacturing concerns, and with efficiency there is excellent chance of promotion. When both sides of this salary question are looked into, it is plain that the women workers in the bureau are well off."

To Complete Organization.

Following the meeting last night at the Ritz-Carlton, the temporary officers will meet Mrs. Valesch tomorrow night, when a constitution will be drawn up and permanent organization perfected. It is probable that the temporary officers, Miss B. E. Hall, president; Miss Ada Hudson, secretary; and Miss Helen Craven Ballenger, treasurer, will be elected as permanent officers. A name for the new organization will also be selected, and arrangements made to apply to the American Federation of Labor for charter.

In the near future, when the organization is perfected, a supplementary petition will be handed to Director Ralph asking that the minimum wage paid the girls be increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00, and that thirty days leave of absence be granted. Under the present arrangement the printer's assistants in the bureau receive \$1.25 from their printer and 25 cents a day from the Government. If their pay was increased to \$2.00 a day, in accordance with their petition, it would require the Government to meet the extra 50 cents a day, to do which would mean an extra appropriation of about \$300,000 a year.

Next Thursday evening a mass meeting of the union will be held in a hall to be selected tomorrow night.

CONTRACTING FIRM IN RECEIVERS' HANDS

Big Concern Is Forced Into Voluntary Bankruptcy By Creditors.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A. Gordon Murray and Michael Burke were appointed receivers today for the B. & J. McConnell Company, structural iron-workers and contractors, with offices in this city and in addition to Springfield, Mass. The company was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy on the petition of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and other creditors on claims aggregating \$40,000.

The concern was chartered in 1902, and has a capital stock of \$1,000,000 common and \$1,000,000 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock.

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LEADERS IN WOMEN'S UNION



MISS B. E. HALL, President.



MISS HELEN BALLENGER, Treasurer.

HOUSE MAY WORK IN NIGHT SESSIONS

Leaders Want to Hurry the Tariff Bill—Business Demands It.

Demands from the business interests of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Canadian border line to the Gulf, that the Payne tariff bill be enacted into law with the least possible delay have caused the House leaders to take under consideration a plan to prolong its daily sessions until the bill has been sent to the Senate.

It is understood that it has been tentatively agreed to have the House meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, sit until 6 in the afternoon, take a short recess for dinner, and resume discussion in the evening.

This plan, if it is adopted, will continue until such a time as the House has finished consideration of the bill, and it will be resumed after the Senate has finished its extensive amendments. So far as could be learned this afternoon there is no serious opposition to this plan for the reason that practically every member of Congress has received scores upon scores of letters urging prompt action on the tariff bill.

The present regulations prohibit any child residing where there is a patient suffering from the measles from going to school here.

This regulation necessarily keeps out of school many children who reside in houses where the disease exists, and who themselves have suffered, thus causing the children to lose a great deal of time from their studies.

Commissioner Macfarland has approved the recommendation.

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- Stew Veal
- Fore Quarter Veal
- Rib Roast
- Boneless Pot Roast
- Hamburger Steak
- Chuck Roast
- Beef a la Mode
- Boston Brisket, Boneless
- Boneless Rolled Corned Beef
- Triangle Roasts
- Cold Roasts
- Bouillon of Beef
- Pork Steaks (Choice)
- Country Sausage
- Picnic Hams
- Corned Shoulders
- Smoked Bacon (Shoulders)
- Smoked Slicing Shoulders
- English Dry Salted Shoulder
- Boston Bean Pork—for seasoning
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- Flank Steaks
- Frankfurt Sausage
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JAPANESE O WED GIRL HE PAINTED

Sketched Her As She Daily Tripped Past His Studio.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A year ago Gilbert Fudji, a senior at Columbia University, struck by the beauty of Miss Annie Smith, of 224 Valentine avenue, as she daily passed his home a few doors further down the street, started to sketch the young woman.

Mr. Fudji and Miss Smith have just visited the marriage bureau in city hall and obtained a license. It was the young man's custom to sit on the piazza of his home and sketch persons as they passed. One day, Miss Smith passed. Fudji started, smiled in delight and got busy with his pencil.

It took several days for the sketch to be finished, as Fudji had to watch for Miss Smith, and every time she passed he could get only a glimpse of the brunette beauty. But love has keen eyes and a strong memory; so finally the picture was finished; Fudji showed it to friends, who informed him the young woman was Miss Annie Smith, sister of Miss Emily Smith, composer and song writer.

An introduction was arranged, the Japanese met the American girl, and friendship grew to a far stronger sentiment. Mr. Fudji, who was born in Paris, more strongly resembles his French mother than his Japanese father, Miss Smith, who is only thirteen, is a pronounced brunette. The marriage will take place on April 8, in St. Joseph's Church, Fordham.

ENGAGED JAPANESE HAS TO QUIT TOWN

Residents Resent Betrothal of Oriental to Daughter of Episcopal Bishop.

CORTE MADERA, Cal., March 22.—Residents of this town today declared their belief that Guyon Aoki, the Japanese who was betrothed to Helen Gladys Emery, daughter of Episcopal Archbishop Emery, has left this part of the country for good.

They go further and declare that if he attempts to return to the town to wed Miss Emery he will be escorted to the city limits in a coat of tar and feathers and ostracized a rail.

It is known that Miss Emery has not renounced her Japanese lover, but that she has decided that she will not marry him until she has had an opportunity of studying the people of his race in their native land. For this purpose, it is said that she will go to Japan soon.

VETERAN ESCORT OF LINCOLN DIES

NAUGATUCK, Conn., March 22.—Rufus N. Lewis, seventy-three years old, is dead at his home here.

He was a veteran of the civil war, and one of the escort of twenty-five that accompanied President Lincoln's body from Washington to Springfield, and one of the six men who bore it to the grave in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He leaves a widow.

PORTO RICO PLEADS TO BE PROTECTED

Delegate Says Unless We Come to Aid With Tariff Island Will Go Down.

"The tariff bill will only help to drive Porto Rico to the wall," asserted Delegate Larrinaga, who called at the White House today to tell it a President a few of the island's troubles. "Until the United States Government gives us a little more home rule and clips the wings of the executive council, Porto Rico will be in the dust," continued Larrinaga. "We were in hope that the Ways and Means Committee would put a small duty on coffee, so our producer's world have an equal show with Brazilian coffee. It costs us 19 cents a pound to produce coffee, and under present conditions it is impossible for us to compete with the cheap Brazilian berry, which is raised for 5 cents a pound."

"Of course Porto Rican coffee is much better and is worth the difference, but the consumer in the United States cannot make the distinction, and so our coffee must be sold in competition with the Brazilian or not at all."

It is expected that the two delegations of Porto Rican citizens coming here to ask Congress for a change in the Foraker act, on which the island government is based, will reach Washington tonight.

Little time is to be lost in getting before Congress the grievances of the two political factions between which the government of the possessions is plunged into unrest.

Senator Louis M. Rivera, leader of the unionist wing of the house of delegates, arrived in New York today and will appear for that party. He declares the Porto Ricans desire to elect their own active body instead of having it appointed by the executive council, which, it is asserted, appoints Americans to fill the offices formerly held by natives.

SAYS SOPER DIED NATURAL DEATH

Coroner Nevitt today gave a certificate of death from natural causes in the case of Anthony O. Soper, forty years old, an employee of the Fifth-Stirling steel plant, who was found dead in bed in his room at the home of Mrs. M. Skinner, Alabama avenue southeast.

Soper had been in ill health for several weeks.

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One has a name stamped on it, which is advertised in all the leading magazines of the world. Its merits are duly portrayed and the price affixed is 16c, 18c, and 20c per pair, the price according to the size.

The Sister Shield—sold with the same guarantee of perfection as the shield with its name stamped on it—is offered for a certain brief period at only 7c pair or 4 pairs for 25c. Mark you—both are exactly alike—chance only determines the one to have the name affixed or omitted.

The explanation—The maker goes to great expense in experimenting and the purchase of special machinery, etc. Then comes the baptizing of the shield, the advertising, and the arrangement with each retail merchant that the advertised price be always adhered to.

A great demand is created, but not sufficient to keep his machinery going and his expert help at work during the dull season when thousands of the shields are produced and the name omitted. The Palais Royal distributes these shields periodically. 10,000 pairs went on sale this morning.

Warranted Dress Shields

All Sizes 7c 4 Pairs, 25c

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Now read the most interesting part of this true story. The connoisseur—the dressmaker—who is a judge of Shields, waits for this Annual Sale and purchases great quantities, charging her clients as much as 50c pair. To her the absence of the name is an advantage—because it enables the asking of a price consistent with a shield that can be and is guaranteed to be perfect in every respect, and is.



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Westerly 200-yard Spool Cotton, all numbers; worth 4c spool. Sale price..... 2c

King's Basting Cotton, 50-yard spools; all numbers; usually 5c. Sale price..... 3c

O. N. T. Darning Cotton; black and all colors; usually 3c spool. Sale price..... 2c

ANGORA BRAID; 5-yard pieces; sold everywhere for 10c. Sale price..... 7c

Skirt Banding, black and colors; worth 15c yard. Sale price..... 6c

Brainerd & Armstrong Silk; 100-yd. spool; usually 15c. Sale price..... 25c

Silk Taffeta Collarbone; black and white; sold everywhere for 10c. Sale price..... 7c

Hair Pins, 3 on card. Sale price..... 5c

Fish Net Shopping Bags, 6c. Worth 15c. Sale price..... 6c

Featherbone Collar Sets, 5c. Worth 10c. Sale price..... 5c

Crowley's Gold-eye Needles; 3c. Worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Pad Hose Supporters, fancy elastic; 4 straps; worth 25c. Sale price..... 19c

Barbour's Liner Thread, all numbers; worth 10c spool. Sale price..... 8c

Millward's Best Needles, all sizes; sold everywhere at 5c paper. Sale price..... 3c

Stocking Darners, worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Hairpin Cabinet, assorted. Worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Emeries, best quality; worth 10c. Sale price..... 3c

Horn Hairpins; worth 25c. Sale price..... 19c

Snap Fasteners, worth 10c. Sale price..... 3c

Kimsey Waist Former; worth 25c. Sale price..... 10c

Geneva Silk-finish Thread; worth 10c spool. Sale price..... 7c

Men's Hose Supporters, black and all colors; usually 25c. Sale price..... 19c

Laundry Wax, with wood handle; 6c. Sale price..... 3c

Spool Holder and Pin Cushion combined; usually 35c. Sale price..... 25c

Fancy Imported Elastic, all colors; worth 25c yard. Sale price..... 19c

Corset Steels, rustproof; usually 10c. Sale price..... 7c

Pin Sheet, 40 count; worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Peter Pan Hair Curlers, worth 10c. Sale price..... 4c

"Omni" Dress Shields; usually 15c. Sale price..... 17c

Prussian Binding (all silk); worth 15c piece. Sale price..... 15c

Oneda Community Silk; 400-yard spools; usually 40c. Sale price..... 19c

Glit-edge Rhoe Polish; worth 25c. Sale price..... 15c

Asbestos Iron Holders; worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Hatpin Holders; usually 35c. Sale price..... 25c

Machine Oil (will not gum); worth 10c. Sale price..... 3c

Ball and Socket Fasteners; black and white; usually 10c. Sale price..... 7c

Razor Steel Shavers, in leather case; all sizes; usually 50c.

Featherbone, Warren's, cotton, dozen yards. Sale price..... 84c

Janowitz Duplex Bones..... 18c

Worth 25c. Sale price..... 12c

Velvet Grip Hose Supporters, all sizes; worth 15c to 20c. Sale price..... 12c

Mohair Shoe Laces, worth 10c dozen. Sale price..... 5c

Silk Hose Supporters, worth 25c. Sale price..... 25c

Silkaten; all colors; 5c spools. Sale price..... 3c

Best Serge Belting; black and white; 10-yard pieces; worth 52c. Sale price..... 52c

Columbia Hooks and Eyes; all sizes; black and white; worth 3c. Sale price..... 3c

Windsor Hooks and Eyes; all sizes; black and white; worth 3c. Sale price..... 3c

Hooks and Eyes (hump kind); black and white; all sizes; worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Hooks and Eyes (cheap kind); black and white; worth 5c. Sale price..... 12c

Linen Corset Laces (6 yards); best quality; worth 10c pair..... 3c

Pin Books; assorted pins; worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Treasure Safety Pins; all sizes; worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Stocking Feet, black and white; all sizes; worth 10c pair. Sale price..... 3c

Bel Pin Books; assorted; black and white. Sale price..... 3c

Warranted Silver Trimble; various styles; all sizes; worth 10c. Sale price..... 9c

English Superfine Roll Tape; 10-yd. pieces; usually 10c and 12c. Sale price..... 6c

Silk Taffeta Binding; white and colors; 5-yard rolls; worth 10c. Sale price..... 7c

Skirt Markers, with chalk; usually 15c. Sale price..... 8c

Bunch Tape; six widths to bunch; worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Tape Measures, 6 inches; worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Shoe Laces; 5-4; worth 10c. Sale price..... 3c

Roll Tape; 10-yard pieces; usually 9c. Sale price..... 3c

Collar Buttons; all sizes; worth 5c. Sale price..... 2c

Pin Cubes (best quality pins); 100 count; worth 10c. Sale price..... 4c

Kirby Beard Pins; worth 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Pearl Lace Pins; all colors; sold everywhere for 5c. Sale price..... 1c

CHIC-BONES; all lengths; worth 15c dozen. Sale price..... 12c

Kleinert's Hook-on Hose Supporters; all colors; worth 25c. Sale price..... 21c

Linen Nets; worth 15c. Sale price..... 10c

Linen Corset Laces, 5 yards; usually 5c. Sale price..... 3c

Silk Elastic, fancy frill; quarter lengths. Worth 25c. Sale price..... 8c

Dressmakers' Pins, 2 1/2 lb. boxes, best quality; worth 25c. Sale price..... 19c

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